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Scrambling for eggs

JOSEPH BURD/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Crystal Beach Public School held its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, the last one before the elementary school closes in June. Four-year-old Faithlyn Opatovsky was one of the many kids who turned out to look for treasures. For more photos of egg hunts in Fort Erie see page 24.

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Region ready to rethink long-term care model

MARYANN FIRTH
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A business case will be created to outline options, including health-care hub concepts, for redevelopment of three long-term care homes operated by Niagara Region.

Upper Canada Lodge in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie, each with 80 beds, as well as Linhaven in St. Catharines with 248 beds, are under review by the Region as they will not meet structural compliance requirements by 2025.

A task force including councillors, regional staff and industry experts, was formed in March 2015 to begin reviewing options to redevelop them.

A 144-page preliminary report, prepared by Deloitte and presented to regional council Thursday night, outlined possible directions as well as results from initial public consultation.

Redevelopment is a chance to reduce costs and make operation more efficient for the Region's long-term care beds, said Henriette Koning.



BOB THIESZEN / POSTMEDIA NETWORK

The long-term care needs of seniors in Niagara are changing, and regional staff are planning changes to the way long-term care homes are operated.

the Region's director of seniors services.

Niagara's cost per bed is lower than some municipalities, at about \$185 per day, but there is potential to lower that further, she told councillors.

Those decreased costs can be seen in the private and not-for-profit sectors, due

partly to "improved facility strategy," she said.

Redevelopment allows Niagara to "leverage the project to gain those efficiencies as well."

By moving away from the 80-bed facility model, it's estimated the Region would see a three per cent efficiency, or \$235,000 saving annually, for a 120-bed home, or five per cent or \$830,000 for a 240-bed home.

According to feedback from the private and not-for-profit sectors, "no one is building facilities with less than 160 beds at this point in time," said Jason Burgess, the Region's director of procurement and strategic ac-

quisition.

It will be up to council to decide if that's a route it would like to take, he said.

As the redevelopment process moves onto its second phase, with creation of the business case, the Region's total portfolio of long-term care facilities, as well as potential distribution

options for beds, will be reviewed, he said.

Early review has identified potential for seniors housing in St. Catharines and Fort Erie, with more investigation needed in Niagara-on-the-Lake, he said.

The report says Niagara-on-the-Lake is "oversupplied" in terms of long-term care beds and does not meet demand to justify a seniors housing development. It suggests other options be explored.

The Region operates 957 long-term care beds, which are under control of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The province will have the final say on Niagara's redevelopment plan.

Koning said there is an "imbalance in supply and demand" when it comes to local long-term care beds.

Demand among the area's 31 facilities, of which eight are owned by the Region, is 274 people higher than the supply can accommodate, she said, and that number is projected to grow to 2,235 by 2030.

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TASC presents Viva Las Vegas dinner and show

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and even duelling Celine Dions will take to the stage later this month at the Crystal Ridge Com-

munity Centre.

Therapy and Alternatives for Special Children and Adults with Disabilities (TASC) will host a cast and crew each year that puts on an April performance involving music,

movement and plenty of fun, said TASC president Nancy Kacur.

This year, the non-profit organization will host two performances of its show at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre on April 22

and 23 with doors opening at 5 p.m., and a roast beef dinner served at 6 p.m. followed by the performance. The theme is Viva Las Vegas.

"Elton will definitely be in the building. We'll have Elton John, the Village People, battling Celine Dions and marionettes. It will be hilarious," Kacur said.

Proceeds from the show will support TASC, which was founded in 1998, and continues to offer music, drama and other programs for individuals of varying disabilities to engage with one another in an encouraging environment.

The money will be used to purchase a new portable stage.

"We've ramped it up with the community's help," Kacur said about last year's fundraising efforts to purchase a portable ramp.

"Thanks to the generosity of the community we have our ramp. But now we desperately need a



TASC/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Walter Deveau, vice-president of Therapy and Alternatives for Special Children and Adults, and TASC member Nathan Kacur were part of a performance of Monty Python's Spamlot last year hosted by TASC. The theme this year is Viva Las Vegas.

portable stage that is both safe and sturdy enough for our performers and that can travel with us."

The cost to purchase the stage is \$8,000 and individuals who make a donation greater than \$500 will receive recognition with

their names on a plaque.

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WHAT: Viva Las Vegas, tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Boggio and Edwards IDA, Our Corner Cafe and Tech Services Niagara.

WHEN: April 22 and April 23. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served by 6 p.m., followed by the show.

WHERE: The Crystal Ridge Community Centre, 99 Ridge Rd. S., Fort Erie

WHY: To highlight all of the effort and hard work of participants in TASC's music and drama programs.

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Journalism student "excited" about writing for hometown paper

Last February, I attended a flag raising at Fort Erie Town Hall where I met Sarah Ferguson, the editor of the Fort Erie Times, for the first time.

I told her I had just entered Niagara College's journalism program and I was really excited to learn the ropes of the field.

There, Sarah told me she'd love to have me join her crew as a columnist, the time when students get to use the skills they have learned.

More than a year later, I'm here and incredibly thrilled about the opportunity granted to me.

You may have seen my name in this paper before. Last summer, I freelanced for the Fort Erie Times, mostly covering the Fort Erie Cannons senior men's baseball team, but also other local events.

During the month of April, I'll be covering a wide range of topics and events for the weekly newspaper.



AUSTIN GOORDER
Reporter's notebook

I first entertained the idea of being a journalist when I briefly wrote for an online sports-based Toronto Blue Jays blog. I wrote a series of articles that used 'sabermetrics' to analyze baseball players.

From this, I developed a passion for finding stories in the details.

As a Fort Erie boy, I'm looking forward to writing for the Fort Erie Times because I believe this town has stories to tell.

Our town's stories aren't any less important than anywhere else's. We're a community that has a unique passion for the place they live.

This passion plays out in the stories we tell and the

things we share, and getting to be a part of that is a truly exciting thing.

After high school, I moved to Guelph to study English Literature.

It was a mistake, but it's not something I regret. University taught me a tough lesson about the real world.

So when I started in the journalism program at Niagara College, and when I felt a genuine love for what I was studying, I knew those mistakes I made in the past were finally paying off.

They say journalists will kill you, but it will keep you alive along the way. So far it's been true. It's not an easy field, but it's been a life and breathe for.

I hope when you read my work over the coming weeks that you can sense my love for this profession.

And I sincerely hope you enjoy what you read.

Austin Goorder is a Niagara College Journalism-Print student.

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Do you remember

Last week's photo taken at St. John's Lutheran Church, Snyder shows left to right, Pastors Lawrence Eifert and Howard Kuhl with Wills Mackey, chairman of the congregation. Our thanks to church members Myra Arnold, Doris Lapp and Larry Wale for sharing their fond memories. Myra's father, Waller Beisenthal was pastor from 1946 to 1957 and was followed by Pastor Kuhl. Doris tells us that Rev. Kuhl baptized both her daughter Nancy in 1962 and her son Peter in 1969. This photo may have been taken at Pastor Eifert's installation service in either 1969 or 1970. We look forward to finding the April Fool's photo in the collection. If any one remembers this lovely lady, or if anyone wishes to own up to being this lovely lady, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322. You can also e-mail us at museum@forterie.ca.



Award-winning author Sandra Orchard set to discuss her writing

At the Fort Erie Public Library, a dedicated group of writers ages 16 and older meet monthly at the Centennial branch to encourage and challenge one another.

All aspiring authors are welcome to join them.

On Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m., the public is invited to join with them to hear a special guest speaker. Sandra Orchard is a multi-award-winning author of mysteries, inspirational and romantic suspense novels, who is coming to talk about her work and the writing process. Her works in the library collection include the Port Aster Secrets series, with standalone titles Identity Withheld and A Fool and his Money both on order.

Orchard is an active member



of American Christian Fiction Writers, Sisters in Crime, Romance Writers of America and The Word Guild (Canada). A mother of three grown children, she lives in the Niagara Region with her husband and writes full time. Orchard's books will be available for sale and signing on Wednesday evening.

Are you interested in creating with the Library 3D printer? Register for a one hour 3D

printing primer to be held on Tuesday, April 5. This workshop, open to ages 16 and over, will include learning how to set up the printer, how to create models and print your designs. People who are interested should contact Michael Schell at mschell@fepl.ca, or by telephone at 905-871-2546, ext. 301. Space is limited to 5 participants. More dates will be added if needed.

The screening of the award-winning movie *Room* on April 5 at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch, and on April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, will hold special interest for avid readers.

Emma Donoghue is the author of the book and the screenplay, the winner of the Canadian Screen Award for best adapted screenplay, and was nomi-

nated for Academy Awards for best writing and best adapted screenplay. Donoghue will present a reading of her work and answer questions at the library on September 1 of this year. Read the book, watch the movie, and plan to meet the author when she visits.

Here is a "Did you know?" about the library: did you know that in 2015, the 45 public use computers offered at the library were used for a total of 35,000 hours? Regular patrons, newcomers to town and visitors passing through are all able to make use of this convenient and valuable service.

Amy Roebuck is the community services co-ordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.



FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Award-winning author Sandra Orchard will visit the Fort Erie Public Library on April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Mother animals become aggressive protectors when their young is threatened

Righteous anger? What are you talking about, Plato?

I want to give you another view of one of our so-called gentle animals.

In nature some animals erupt into an offensive mood if their young are threatened. That's right—the mother—the female of a species. What would turn the normally passive nature of a cottontail mother into an aggressive protector? Is it right for a mother rabbit to be angry, even ferocious, when their young are in danger? Of course. Following is a true scenario from nature writer, Ed Teale, of such a case.

"At the edge of the yard on this farm, a mother rabbit had made her nest. One day, as the owner of the farm looked that way he saw a cottontail carry a sign of a large blacksnake crawling through the grass toward the fur-lined depression containing her young. On that instant she bounded to meet the advancing serpent. When she was almost upon it she leaped into the air passing over the snake and lashing out with her hind feet



The serpent writhed and struck blindly. Again and again the mother cottontail attacked, raking the serpent's body with the claws of its hind feet. Long red scratches appeared on the shining length of the black snake. Whenever it swung toward the nest the cottontail—usually so timid, so peaceful—renewed her "hit-and-run" attack. They ended only when the speeded serpent crawled away, leaving the baby cottontail unharmed within their nest."

Writer's Note: Have you seen a blacksnake lately? They are not common locally and not venomous. At the Virginia Live Animal Center several years ago a large blacksnake, over three feet long,

was passed to me by one of the Grade Six students. It was a beautiful specimen almost 19 years old, we were told by a staff member. After I admired it I passed it on.

Dry and cool in our hands, yes. All four of us Canadians—Earl, Bud, Harold, and Ed held the impressive snake. This was the same kind of snake that eats birds' eggs in tree nests and little rabbits.

Mothers are there to deter them if they can. Remember Mother's Day this year. Remember not to anger your mother!

Edwin May Teale continued: "As we watch, we see the birds tear apart and toss about the brown lumps of the fallen fruit. Apple seeds form one of their favorite foods in the years when they come south. As they feed, their movements are deliberate. And as we work closer advancing cautiously a slow step at a time. We learn something else about them. This is their exceptional tameness. A soft, short whistle a kind of "Cheeee" that shows their relationship to the other finches,



A blacksnake.

continually from among the feeding grosbeaks. This call has been described as being like the male in the song. The full song of the male, the song of their breeding time, is said to resemble that of the purple finch but to be wilder and sweeter. It is a melody made up of warbles, whistles, and trills. It is sometimes loud, sometimes soft; sometimes

ventriloquial. A quarter of an hour goes by while we watch these visitors from the north. Suddenly, as though on signal, they all take off together. Watch your birds this spring.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.

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The Gardener's Journal

too. Whatever your space allowance is, you can either create a container that is home to veggies and edible flowers, or a hanging basket that continues to bloom and be available for harvest. Here are a few suggestions of combinations:

For a container that stands on steps or patio, plant 1 tarragon, 2 dill, 2 parsley, 3 lemon variegated thyme, 4 variegated pansies. Harvesting this one is a feast for the scents and Pansy flowers are pretty and edible as well.

Another container that is feast worthy is: 1 borage, 3 leaf lettuce, 4 alpine strawberry plants...this ever bearing container can last a long time, to be enjoyed in the summer's longer days.

Our favorite container is one we like to call "Bella's". Planting 1 or 2 basil plants in the center of the container to be stuck up as they grow. Surrounded by a nice mixture of oregano, Italian parsley, one garlic plant and chives as well as basil. Place 2 dwarf marigolds in for colour and the blossoms will enhance your table. Not only will this container remain fragrant as it grows, it will be a lasting reminder to dry some of those herbs for use in the winter seasoning.

Hanging baskets can do the work for two. Some suggestions for combined feeding and beauty are:

Lettuce and Lobelia: use half the hanging basket for mixed lettuce seed, then plant pale blue lobelia in the other half. Allow these to grow together and they will not only sustain each other, but you can harvest the lettuce and enjoy the colour of the lobelia all summer.

Pearl and Pea Pod: Plant dwarf sweet pea and dwarf pearl needs in an alternating pattern around the inside of the basket. Peas are not fond of transplanting, so placing them in a hanging basket along with sweet peas will bring food and eye delight all summer.

Tumbling Tom: plant red and yellow Tom tomatoes on either side of basket, plant parsley in the middle. Plant between the Tom Tomatoes black eyed susans that will trail. You can also try this mixture in a container, but I would add a red and green sweet pepper for harvesting.

Lots of fun planting times ahead. These are just some ideas to get those creative juices flowing.

Have a lovely and safe week, everyone. Keep enjoying those walks along the trails and along the Lake. And as always...

Keep growing!

Ruth Vold Markle is the vice-president of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society.

Answering the call to help those in need

I started with a call by Pope Francis to the parishes of Europe to take in Syrian refugees, to help them, to aid in their much-needed resettlement.

His call reached beyond the borders of Europe to our own community. Kathryn Mistry and Father Patrick of St Michael's Roman Catholic church headed that call and held a town hall meeting last September to discuss the possibility of sponsoring one Syrian family to come to Fort Erie.

The initial meetings went well and had a small group of people in attendance but now there are approximately 40 people directly involved in the committee. The outcome of the meetings and planning sessions have been to develop a plan with the financial committee, creating a four month pledge and receiving money from the parish to sponsor a refugee family.

Recently, the church was made aware of the possibility that another parish in Pennsylvania would not be able to bring families into their com-

munity but were trying to find churches near the border that would like to have a family settle in their community.

St. Michael's was able and willing and now they will be sponsoring two families who may arrive by the summer to settle in Fort Erie. There has been a generally positive feeling towards supporting two families and there are even some Arabic speakers amongst the committee who will be able to help interpret and bridge cultural gaps.

St Michael's has a long history of welcoming the stranger, with its ties to Casa El Norte and the newcomer community of Fort Erie going back to the 1980s. With St Michael's leading the way in sponsoring Syrian refugee families, people from other denominations are also becoming involved in the committee, wanting to ensure that there is enough financial, social, and spiritual support available when the families arrive.

The committee and other volunteers will help meet the financial, housing, educational, and social needs of these

families that are coming by connecting them with the proper supporting agencies.

Support is dependent on when the families arrive and the committee will be given a window of time to prepare, which may be quite short depending upon the circumstances.

Short-term settlement in the community may mean staying at Casa El Norte, should there be available space at the time of arrival, or possibly staying with people who have volunteered to take the families in should the need arise.

Those families who have expressed interest would have to pass through a screening process from the government.

Longer term settlement in the Fort Erie community would hopefully see the family settling here, choosing their accommodations, schools, places of worship, and generally developing a clear understanding and sense of what they would feel would suit them. It is a communal process in that members of the Fort Erie community sponsor, set up, and support, and the sponsored family is encouraged to choose

how to begin the important next steps in their journey so that they are active participants.

At this time, the families being sponsored are not known, as the government has not yet published the list of families.

According to Father Patrick, St Michael's is using the Blended Visa Office Referred program, which addresses the needs of those who are at greater risk and need.

The program matches refugees identified by the UNHCR to Canadian private sponsors. To sponsor a family of four is typically around \$30,000 but with the BVOR program, it is \$30,000 for two families as the government pays the other half of the sponsorship fee. To this point, St Michael's has raised over \$30,000 and the government refugee co-ordinator and Father Patrick are working together to ensure the home, everything necessary so that when the list of families is out, they are ready for the selection process.

Father Patrick and Kathryn believe that having these families settle into the Fort Erie community is a blessing to our

community and that it will bring our community closer together. Father Patrick stated that this particular sponsorship crosses denominations and lines of religion in that everyone has something to give and that all are welcome to give as called.

The Syrian refugee crisis has generated many things globally, some negative and some positive, but here in Fort Erie, Kathryn says that it has generated generosity connected to human situation; it is opening horizons to a new culture that shares gifts and cultural experiences with us.

By helping newcomers in Fort Erie and sponsoring these families, Kathryn and Father Patrick believe that St Michael's is creating the opportunity to have personal encounters that will reduce fear of the 'other.'

There is no 'other' if we see each other as neighbours and soon to be friends.

Rosemary Legge, for the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre.

Health Corner

The Danger of a Cracked Tooth

Do you remember the last time your dentist recommended a crown for your tooth with a large filling in it? Recent studies have shown that your dentist was right all along.

In this study, scientists measured the amount of force needed to break teeth with different sized fillings. The teeth in this study ranged from ones with no filling to ones with fillings that are 1/4 of the width of the tooth, as well as 1/3 and 1/2 of the width of the tooth.

You will be shocked at what they have found. They discovered that when a filling in a tooth exceeds 1/3 of the width of the tooth, you will be twice as likely to break a tooth or crack the tooth. When a filling in a tooth exceeds 1/2 of the width of the tooth, you will be 3 to 4 times more likely to break the tooth.

Now, this does not mean you will break all of these largely filled teeth. However, it means that when you have



Dr. John Ingo

a large filling, you are at a significantly higher risk for a tooth fracture or a crack.

Here is the concern. When you wait for a tooth to break, there is a possibility that your dentist may not be able to fix that tooth. Even if the tooth is flexible, the underlying tooth structure could be damaged where by the longevity of that tooth would be reduced.

If you happen to crack a tooth (rather than fracture the tooth), the problem is more significant. A crack, once it starts, cannot be stopped. Sometimes these cracks can run down to the nerve of the tooth or the bone, which makes it extremely difficult to fix and can cause

some serious discomfort. Unfortunately, a lot of the cracked teeth end up being extracted.

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Dr. John Ingo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie, Ontario and Ridgeway, Ontario. For more information and previous articles about oral health, visit www.ingodentistry.com or call 905-871-2903.

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Community champions

serve up hot meals

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Mayor Wayne Redekop took some time last week to deliver piping-hot meals to Fort Erie's residents.

He was one of a number of community leaders including Fire Chief Fred Coplen to make special deliveries last Wednesday with Meals on Wheels volunteers in honour of March for Meals Community Champions Week.

Nancy Ryan, executive direc-

tor of Meals on Wheels, said she was grateful to have well-known leaders in the community participate in the event.

Although some Meals on Wheels clients might "get a little nervous" to have community leaders deliver their meals, the nervousness quickly disappears.

"Community Champions Week" is a special week," Ryan said.

"When our clients meet the community leaders, that nervousness goes away and all of a

sudden they want to bend the ears of their local politicians and share their thoughts—then they get excited."

March For Meals is a nationwide event, organized by Meals on Wheels America.

March for Meals has been celebrated in the U.S. for the last 14 years. Fort Erie Meals on Wheels has been participating in the event for eight years.

Fort Erie Meals on Wheels has been serving the needs of the community, delivering both hot and frozen meals

“They feel joy when they deliver and that's why they keep coming back.”

Nancy Ryan

to elderly, disabled and home bound residents for more than 43 years. Last year, the program delivered more than 18,000 meals.

In order to continue to serve the needs of the community, Ryan said Meals on Wheels couldn't do what it does without the support of its volunteers.

"We have amazing volunteers. Without the volunteers we'd have no program. Many say to me volunteering gives them a warm fuzzy feeling.

They feel joy when they deliver and that's why they keep coming back."

For the many people who use Meals on Wheels, the volunteer who brings them their meals is "the only person they'll see that day."

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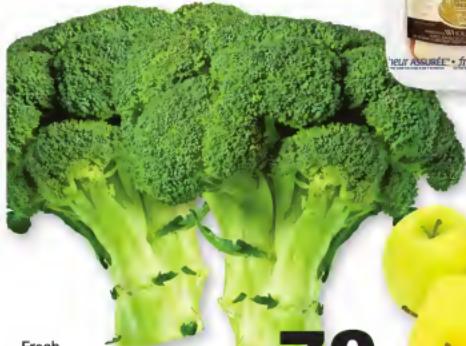
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ALLAN BENNER
Postmedia Network

While celebrating their non-parochial approach to issues like intermunicipal transit and industrial growth, the mayors of seven Niagara municipalities apparently draw the line when it comes to hospital services.

"We at the Region are getting along better than has ever happened before," said Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati.

"We don't have the parochialism that was once there. We're making a lot of decisions about what's best for the region, not what looks best for our community."

Diodati was joined by mayors of Welland, Pelham, Wainfleet, Port Colborne and Fort Erie during the Southern Tier Mayors' Luncheon last Tuesday at the Italian Hall in Port Colborne.

"Finally, we're rolling the bones together," Diodati said during the event, organized by chambers of commerce representing the seven communities.

The combined effort of Ni-

agara's municipalities to bring GO rail service to Niagara is a prime example of that teamwork, he added.

But differences of opinion were apparent when the mayors were asked their perspective on the future of health care in the communities.

And after hearing some strong opinions opposing plans for south Niagara hospitals, Diodati — a vocal supporter of the project that would close local hospitals in favour of building a new one in the outskirts of his city — opted against answering the question at all.

"I live on Morgan's Point. To St. Catharines, it's 50 minutes," said Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs.

"To the proposed site [of a new south Niagara hospital] it's 45 minutes. I just don't think that's acceptable. I think it amounts to a down in some instances to a human rights issue. We deserve adequate access to care."

Welland Mayor Frank Campion said the objective of his city is to ensure that "all residents of particularly south Niagara have equitable access



ALLAN BENNER/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Seven mayors shared their thoughts about issues such as intermunicipal transit and health-care services during the Southern Tier Mayor's Luncheon, including, from left, Wayne Redekop of Fort Erie, Dave Augustyn of Pelham, Frank Campion of Welland, Jim Diodati of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne deputy mayor Bea Kenny and Mayor April Jeffs from Wainfleet.

to hospital care."

"We may disagree from municipality to municipality, but from our perspective in Welland we need to have a hospital," Campion said as an audience of about 200 people applauded. "We need to ensure that we have a hospital for a variety of reasons,

The health care aspect is very important, but economic development is important as well."

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said he continues to struggle with changes that have taken place in health care during the past 17 years, but he added that the focus

needs to be on making sure residents have access to the health care they need.

"It really doesn't matter if it's in this building or that building, or whether it's called a hospital or an urgent care centre, or something else. What's important to an individual who needs help is: Can

I get it? Can I get it in a timely fashion, and without a lot of different hurdles?"

"I know this is a difficult subject for all of us to talk about. I'm quite pleased that we haven't been punching each other, so far."

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Lloyd Roseboom of Port Colborne was elected to serve the Company as the President of the Board and Dave Wiley of St. Catharines will serve the Company as the Vice-President of the Board, for the 2016-2017 year. Rachael Siciliano of Welland is the General Manager/CEO.

As of March 23, 2016, one of our Directors, Larry Hippel, began his well-deserved Retirement. Mr. Hippel has been a Director on our Board from 1980 to 2016 and he served as the President of the Board in 1986, 1992, 1999, 2006 and 2015. We would like to thank Mr. Hippel for his 36 years of service and wish him only the best on his retirement journey.

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SPCA, firefighters rescue dog from bathtub drain

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Thanks to the quick thinking of volunteer firefighters, members of the Fort Erie SPCA and Dr. Nabeel Al-Azawi, a young dog is safe.

Last Monday, the Fort Erie SPCA and the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to an unusual call for help.

“The dog was having a bath when he backed up and got his paw stuck in the drain,” Wendy Trombley, the

animal shelter’s manager, said.

“The fire department was called in, we were called in. We all tried to get the dog’s paw unstuck. We had to call Dr. Nabeel from the animal hospital to help.”

The veterinarian administered a sedative to the animal to help calm him so firefighters could remove part of the drain, allowing the dog’s back-right foot to be free.

“The dog was a terrier, about three or four years old,” Trombley said. “His foot was a little red when we left but he was completely fine.”

Trombley said she has never heard of a similar incident occurring before.

“This is something that people should be aware of. It’s possible that something like this can happen and people need to be aware of obstacles that can potentially hurt animals,” Trombley said.

Trombley wishes to thank



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- The replacement of the QEW bridges at Black Creek (Part A); and
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Part A – Replacement of the QEW Bridges at Black Creek

Part A involves the replacement of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) northbound and southbound bridges at Black Creek. The Black Creek bridges are located in the Town of Fort Erie, Niagara Region as shown in the key plan. Part A followed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) process for a Group 'B' project.

Part B – Replacement / Rehabilitation of the QEW Bridges at Tee and Lyons Creeks

Part B involves the replacement of the QEW northbound and southbound bridges at Lyons Creek; and the replacement of the QEW northbound bridge and rehabilitation of the QEW southbound bridge at Tee Creek. The Tee Creek and Lyons Creek bridges are located in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region, as shown in the key plan. Part B followed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities process for a Group 'C' project.

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Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2016 and be completed by the end of the 2017 construction season, with a shutdown period over the winter months. The proposed construction strategy includes the replacement / rehabilitation of the QEW southbound bridges at Tee, Lyons and Black Creek in 2016 and the replacement of the northbound bridges in 2017. The QEW will be reduced to one lane in each direction at the bridge sites during construction.

Temporary closure of the west-to-south ramp at the Nethery Road Interchange will be required in each construction season, with alternate access provided via Nethery Road and Sodom Road. At the Lyons Creek Road Interchange, ramps to the southbound QEW and from the northbound QEW will be temporarily closed in each construction season and it is anticipated that the west-to-north ramp will be temporarily closed for the 2017 construction season, with alternate access provided via McLeod Road and Sodom Road. Advance notice of road closures will be signed.

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SARAH FERGUSON
For Erie Times

Come dressed as your favourite super hero or villain.

Limited tickets are available for a super hero and villain-themed party to be held on Saturday, April 16 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 in Fort Erie.

Proceeds from the event will support Eva's Voice of Angels, a Fort Erie-based charity that supports children battling cancer and their families.

"The dinner party is a lot of fun," Eva's founder Cassandra Harrietta said.

When people purchase their tickets, they'll be assigned a random super hero or villain

that they will have to come dressed up as.

Now in its fifth year, the event has raised more than \$10,000 for McMaster Children's Hospital. The charity

also gives a scholarship to a graduating high school student in financial need that is pursuing post secondary education.

Harrietta began the char-

ity as a way to honour her grandmother, Eva Pyke, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer.

Tickets to the themed dinner are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, the doors will open to the public at 9 p.m. Festivities will include a live performance from Guilty Pleasures along with prizes, raffles and more.

If people would like to attend the event after the dinner, admission is \$10 per person.

For more information call Harrietta at 289-697-3433.

Who: Eva's Voice of Angels

What: Hosting a super hero and villain-themed party and fundraiser

Tickets: \$20 for the dinner and \$10 to attend the fundraiser afterward.

Where: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71, 130 Garrison Rd, Fort Erie.

When: Saturday, April 16. The dinner party will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by a performance from Guilty Pleasures.

Why: To Support children who are fighting cancer and their families.



Eva's Voice of Angels founder Cassandra Harrietta.



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math equations."

I have always found the subject to be an engaging hobby. I feel that by pursuing the subject further, I can enhance my skills in it," Copeland said.

"My hope is to use the knowledge I receive from my program to create art using equations and to use math as a teachable subject for when I apply to Teacher's College in the future."

Mathes is entering the Bachelor of Commerce with a concentration in the Accounting Program at Carleton.

For Copeland, studying mathematics brings "an enjoyment... when solving

testing that I would have to take," she said.

The Mathematics program at FESS, under the leadership of Department Head Deanna Ward, has become widely known for its expertise and achievement, with students placing at or near the top in standardized assessments. It is not uncommon for Niagara Area students to transfer to FESS in order to take more advanced math courses which are offered.

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1. Work with Seniors	6. Education	10. Working with those with Special Needs
2. Work with Youth	7. Sports and Recreation	11. Volunteers under 21
3. Historical Contribution	8. Working with those "in need"	12. Community Events
4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.)	9. Service Clubs	13. Working with Animals
5. Protecting the Environment		

In addition to the 13 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie times.

Volunteer Recognition Awards Nomination Form

I wish to nominate:

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1. Complete the nomination form along with a brief note outlining the nominee's contribution by **FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016**.
2. MAIL, EMAIL OR DROP OFF your nominations to The Fort Erie Times, 336 Central Ave, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 3T6 or email email.acruso@postmedia.com
3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area.

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Nomination Deadline
Friday, April 1, 2016

Web-based ride matching service rolls out

ALISON LANGLEY
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A new approach to carpooling has arrived in Niagara.

Niagara Ride Share, a free web-based ride matching service, virtually connects people living in the same neighbourhood so they can share a ride to work, school or appointments. "It connects commuters to the community," said Carla Stout, transit program manager with the Town of Fort Erie.

The concept is simple.

Participants register at www.niagararideshare.ca and enter their driving preferences and destinations.

After that, the system matches participants with other people who are close by and going to the same place at the same time.

There are no fees involved, however, participants can negotiate with each other to split the cost of gas if they choose.

A Brock University student from Fort Erie, for example, whose schedule matches that of another Brock student from Fort Erie can make a connection on the Niagara Ride Share website to get to and from school.

"And, someone from Niagara Falls working in Fort Erie and returning at the same time that someone from Fort Erie is starting their shift in Niagara Falls can make a connection," Stout said.

Rhonda Barron, a health pro-

moter at Bridges Community Health Centre in Fort Erie, said the two-year pilot program will be beneficial to residents—and the environment.

"You'll bring down your gas expenditures, save wear and tear on your vehicle and it's also great for the environment because you're reducing your carbon footprint," she said.

The savings can be significant, Barron said. A taxi from Fort Erie to Niagara Falls, for example, costs about \$40.

"The cost of living for a family of four in Niagara is just over \$65,000," Barron said.

"Some of the largest expenses are transportation and child care. We need to look at opportunities to save money and transportation costs are a key piece of that."

Stout and Barron began investigating the possibility of launching a ride share program in Niagara after researching a similar program in London, Ont.

That program began in 2007 and recently expanded to include surrounding rural communities.

Organizers are quick to point out that Niagara Ride Share is not Uber, through which consumers submit a trip request on a smart phone which is then routed to drivers who use their own cars.

"With Uber, you contact a driver and they come and pick

you up and charge you a fee," Stout said.

"That is a ride hail service. This is a ride share service where carpoolers come together."

The service, funded through a grant from Niagara Prosperity Initiative and supported by Bridges and the Town of Fort Erie, was launched last month.

Tarae McLean, executive director at Bridges, said the new program is also a way for people to give back to their community.

"There are many people with out a car who could benefit from a lift to an appointment, event or visiting a family member," she said. "They may live around the corner from you and their destination is close to yours."

Falls Avenue Resort was one of the first employers to register for the service as a way to assist existing and prospective employees in getting to and from work.

Employers, institutions and organizations can contact Barron at 905-871-7621 ext. 2226 to have their organization added to the site.

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Niagara Ride Share

What: Free web-based ride matching service

Where: Across Niagara

How: Register at www.niagararideshare.ca



Niagara Ride Share, a free web-based ride matching service, is a new approach to carpooling in Niagara. The service virtually connects people allowing them to share a ride to work, school or appointments. On hand to kick off the new program is driver Rhonda Barron, a health promoter at Bridges Community Health Centre in Fort Erie, passenger Carla Stout, transit program manager with Fort Erie, and Amy Devereaux, Bridges' program manager.



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Niagara Falls mayor says transit falls short

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Redekop said the challenge for municipal leaders is to tell residents what they had in the past isn't going to be what they're going to get in the future.

"There are different ways to meet their needs, and we have to show leadership on this," he said.

Said Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn: "I think it's important for us to continue

to evolve with health care as it evolves."

He said Pelham is focused on developing "a new medical complex with five to 10 family doctors, plus allied professionals. also, we're focusing on an active com-

to discuss the plans for hospital services.

She said her city is also focusing on community medical services, working with local doctors to recruit family physicians.

"We have been promised that somewhere in the city of Port Colborne there will be a ucc, so that's what we're counting on," she said.

Despite the disagreement

about health care, there were a few other examples of teamwork among Niagara municipalities.

Niagara Falls, st. catharines and Welland, for instance, are working together towards the development of a regional transit system - something Campion called "another show of co-operation of the municipalities within the region."

Campion called regional transit "a prerequisite in

the fight against poverty."

"We need to have regional transit. We have a mobile workforce. We have people living in Port Colborne who don't have a job working in Niagara Falls or st. catharines, or vice versa, if they can't get to their job, we will continue to have that cycle of poverty."

Diodati said current regional transportation initiatives fall short of meeting needs.

"Two hours to get between communities or to get to institutions is unreasonable," diodati said. "It's not good enough. We're going to have to come up with something that's efficient, that's effective, that's going to move people around the region."

The luncheon was filmed by TVcogoco.

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On the hunt in Crystal Beach



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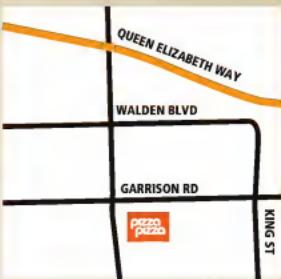


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We look forward to receiving your application by **Wednesday, April 13, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.** Applications are available:

- On the Town's website www.forterie.ca under Public Notices - Board and Committee Vacancies, or from the Clerk's Office.
- Or you can submit a letter setting out relevant background information.

Submissions will be accepted by the Clerk via:

1. Email: lbubanko@forterie.ca
2. Mail: Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6
3. Hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk, Town Hall
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Cheryl Watson, Legislative Assistant, welcomes enquiries at 905-871-1600 ext. 2212 or email: cwatson@forterie.ca

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees. A public ballot process is used when an election is required to select an appointee. The ballots are public documents.

Laura Bubanko, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

Baskets full of treats



MIKE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Youngsters hunted for eggs at the Stevensville Kinettes egg hunt last Friday.

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MIKE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

From left, siblings McKenna and Carson Casanta show off the prizes they won during the egg hunt hosted by the Stevensville Kinetics last Friday at United Empire Loyalist Park.



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Four-year-old Mason Graves chowed down on a free hot dog at Friday's egg hunt.

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REUTERS

Niagara Region is rethinking the long-term care services it offers seniors as it studies the future of three of its facilities.

Feedback from survey shows 30 minutes should be maximum time to reach long-term care home

Continued From Page 2

The province, she added, has not indicated plans to provide Niagara with additional beds.

The profile of seniors within the region has changed significantly over the past decade too, Koning said.

The number of seniors dependent on a wheelchair or walker has increased to 75 per cent in 2014, from 29 per cent in 2007, and those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia have increased to 66 per cent in 2014 from 21 per cent 2007.

The growth trend is expected to continue, she said.

The preliminary report says a hub model, similar to ones touted by the task force in other areas of Ontario, makes sense for Niagara.

Each hub would be unique to its respective community, Burgess said, with potential to include services such as a pharmacy, assisted living, memory care and independent supportive-living seniors housing.

Earlier in 2016, an extensive public engagement process included a statistically valid phone survey, with 600 people contacted, an Internet survey for the general public and six third-party moderated focus groups including facility residents and their families, industry stakeholders and the general public.

Burgess said it was "clear across the board" that people don't want just a long-term care facility, but a hub that offers other services on site as well.

Results of the phone survey

indicate 57 per cent of residents would give priority to having fewer long-term care facilities with a broader range of services, over more locations with the current level of service, he said.

One focus group was conducted at Linhaven, where loved ones of residents spoke about liking the "small feel" of the facility, Burgess said. What they didn't realize, he added, is that Linhaven is Niagara's largest, and one of the province's largest, long-term care homes.

It shows, he said, that a facility can "feel like home" with the right staff and design features, regardless of its size.

Feedback also suggests 77 per cent of people feel 30 minutes is the maximum length of time they'd be willing to drive to reach a care facility.

Those time constraints, Burgess said, will be considered by the task force going forward.

Welland councillor Paul Grenier, who chairs the Association of Municipalities of Ontario long-term care task force, supports the hub model.

The Region, he said, needs to come up with policy that "treats this not in isolation as long-term care, but as effectively a health-care delivery and housing issue as well."

"We need to adjust our line of thought," he said, asking the Region to embrace the concept of a "continuum of care."

When facilities were built in the past, they were constructed with people expected to be housed for only a few years. That

has changed, he said, with seniors living in the system for upward of 20 years.

"We need to wrap our head around that," Grenier said, including the capital and service delivery costs that come with it.

"I see this as being a good first step in Niagara being ahead of the curve for many other municipalities across Ontario that have to deal with this issue."

Pelham Mayor Dave Gustyn was "intrigued" by the hub concept, which contrasted past trends he said seemed to segregate long-term care facilities from the community.

That method was not good

from a planning or social perspective, he said, adding the new model seems more promising.

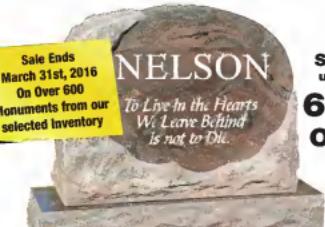
Burgess said council will get to set the priorities for redevelopment, including different options for hubs and the sizes of facilities in the detailed business case, which will also review in detail various shortlisted capital procurement options as well as the costs and risk assumptions associated with each.

The preliminary report identified the redevelopment project as a suitable fit for alternative service delivery, otherwise known as a public-private partnership delivery model.

Some local examples of various ASD projects include the Meridian Centre and new hospital in St. Catharines, as well as the Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls.

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Brock partners with Canadian Motor Speedway

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Canadian Motor Speedway (CMS) has partnered with Brock University for research that will lay the groundwork for "economic and cultural benefits" to Niagara, according to Brock vice-president of research Gary Libben.

"This agreement creates opportunities for Brock researchers and students, the Canadian Motor Speedway and the surrounding community," he says. The partnership will focus on research with the faculty of applied health sciences to start, possibly developing projects with the environmental sustainability research centre, BioLine and The Goodman School of Business.

"Right now the first step is

economic," says Brock's sport management associate professor Julie Stevens. "If you get some basic event information, you can go and find how many competitors and attendees there are typically have and use those numbers to project what the economic impact would be on Niagara."

CMS marketing and sponsorship executive Claire MacSweeny — a Brock graduate — says the research will better form the calendar for the speedway being constructed in Fort Erie.

"As a multi-sport and entertainment venue, CMS will have a diverse year-round calendar of events. Collaboration in sport marketing and sustainability in sports will benefit Brock University research, CMS operations, sponsor engagement and the fan experience at CMS."



Athlete of the week

SUBMITTED PHOTO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES
Fresh off a great showing at the 2016 Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Swimming Championships, NCC student athlete Gabby Studebaker, has been selected as this week's Athlete of the Week. Studebaker, who had previously captured gold medals at the Southern Ontario meet in the Open 100 Meter Backstroke and Open 200 Meter Freestyle, finished the year provincially ranked fourth in the 100 Metre Backstroke and eighth in the 200 Metre Freestyle. Her commitment and dedication is also evident outside the pool with a Presidents Honor Roll distinction.

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Jews and Gypsies were prominent in this church in early years, integrating and intermarrying with Evangelical and Reformed people, even while the Lutherans and Catholics were still separate. The names of the Gypsies, Hebrews and Hellenic family names became anglicized over the years, as may be seen in stained glass window inscriptions. Morgestern becoming Morningstar, and Lee from the usual Gypsy name of Leck. New Canadians from every corner of the globe today have a choice to maintain their cultures, to assimilate, or both in balanced measure, as do the ethnic varieties one finds at worship every Sunday in the still standing church. The church is located at 100 Sodum Rd., St. John's Stevensville United Church. Sunday worship service 11:00 am; only minutes to Sodum Rd., Ft. Erie, just north of Stevensville, QEW exits 16 & 17.

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Battle at the Fort comes to the Leisureplex on April 9

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to the Fort Erie Times

Dayball-Pascuzzi Jiu-Jitsu along with 1812 and The Underground Combat series will be hosting Battle at the Fort.

This Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event will help support local fighters and has been bringing something new to Fort Erie. Battle at the Fort will be held on April 9 at the Leisureplex.

A similar event held in January was a success with a sold out venue.

Sam Pascuzzi, owner of Dayball-Pascuzzi Jiu-Jitsu in Fort Erie says he is trying to educate people in the area about MMA through events like the upcoming Battle at the Fort.

It's a great sport. People think it is violent but there is so much said involved with the refs, the medics and strict rules for the fighters.

The event will include typical MMA style fighting such as cage fighting, kick boxing, jiu-jitsu and muay thai along with live music and Brimstone Beer.



FILE PHOTO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES
Joey Lieder, left, from Fort Erie, has an arm bar move on his opponent, Omid Male, in this picture. Male won by submission after Lieder took an accidental kick to the head earlier in fight.

Bryan Agoston, Brandon Michaud and Corey Potts are three local fighters who will be participating in the event and fighting against out of town competitors.

Pascuzzi says a live event is much different than watching MMA on TV and much more exciting.

This will be a great event with world champion fighters.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance at Dayball-Pascuzzi Jiu Jitsu in Fort Erie.

The doors open at 5 p.m. and the event will begin at 6 p.m. For more information about the event call Pascuzzi at 289-241-2388.

APRIL EVENTS @ FEPL

STORIES FOR 2s AND 3s.

April 4, 18 10:45 am, Stevensville branch
April 12, 26 10:30 am, Centennial branch
April 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30 am, Crystal Ridge branch
Join us for reading, writing, talking, singing and playing - five fundamental skills that get children ready to Read! Ages 1.5 and up.

FAMILY TIME, April 5, 19.

10:30 am, Centennial branch
Interactive adventure, in partnership with the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre! Stories, songs, rhymes and stories, plus activities and playtime for all ages - babies on up. Drop-in.

AUTHOR SANDRA ORCHARD, April 6.

6:30 p.m., Centennial branch
Author Sandra Orchard (romance, mystery, inspirational) talks about her work and the writing process. Books will be available for sale and signing. All are welcome.

3D PRINTER WORKSHOP, April 5.

2:00 p.m., Centennial branch
Interested in creating with the library's 3D printer? 16 years of age or over? Learn how to set up the printer, work with 3D models, and print your designs. Contact mschell@fepl.ca, or call 905-871-2546, ext. 301, to sign up for

a one hour primer. Space is limited, but more dates will be added if needed.

QUEBEC CITY, a travelogue, April 13.

7:00 p.m., Centennial branch
A virtual walking tour of this most European of North American cities, including picturesque bridges, remarkable stonework, art installations and historic sites. Guided by Sandy Leppan, who lived in the city for a season and fell under its spell.

"WINGED JEWELS" — BUTTERFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES, April 20.

7:00 p.m., Centennial branch
Learn about some of Nature's most colourful creatures, and what you can do to help protect them. Another in the continuing "Nature in Niagara" partnership between the library and the Bert Miller Nature Club.

"POETS' NIGHT OUT", April 27.

7:00 p.m., Centennial branch
April is Poetry Month, and some published poets will join us to share their work, as we invite new poets to participate in open mic time to make their voices heard. We encourage all the public who enjoy poetry and the spoken word to join in for a very "original" evening.



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On this date in 1949, Newfoundland became Canada's 10th province. Joey Smallwood, who led the drive to join Canada, became Newfoundland's first premier and was known as Canada's only living Father of Confederation. Smallwood served as premier until 1972. He died in 1991, a week before his 91st birthday.

In 1932, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its V8 engine.

In 1933, actor Brandon Lee died after a freak accident on the set of the movie "The Crow." Lee had been shot with a prop gun that was supposed to fire blanks. He was 28.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Pacific

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WORD SEARCH
The golden days

Find the listed words in the grid. Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be letters left over. Use some of these letters to spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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anger	far	navy	shot
arrival	free	obey	Sirius
Botany Bay	gangs	offences	survival
cattle	gentry	ordeal	tough
chains	gold	pioneers	unknown
clash	immigrant	poor	Van Diemans
colony	imports	prisoners	Land
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Solution from page 10 of this section

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MAWHIN, Donna - born August 21st, 1939 passed away March 21st, 2016 at Maple Park Lodge. Survived by her daughters, grand daughters and son in law. Tom Mawhin, Gervais (Gerry) Gonsalves, Brenda Hardison (Brittany Hardison) Terry Hardison and Husband Bert Mawhin. A special thanks to her close relatives Annette Bayes, Sheri Somerville and Elizabeth Holmes, dear friends Tracy Staples, Linda York, Barb Brown, and Christina Ford for being there for her during her final days. Also, a special thanks to Dr. Soher and the staff at Crescent and Maple Park Lodge for your compassion and care for our mother, Earl Hardison for always being there for our family and Anna Annunziata for helping our family over the last couple of years. At her request cremation has taken place and arrangements for a private family interment will be held. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, 905-894-0120.



BURNS, Margaret - Passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2016 after brief illness, at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Lorn E. (Bud) Burns. Loving mother of the late Gregory Burns (1987). Dear sister, Evelyn McKenny (Loren), William Sheldon (Jane) and thy late Bert Sheldon (late Lois). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Tom and Nancy Sheldon. Private family arrangements. Memories, photos and condolences can be shared at www.morseandsons.com



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ASELSTINE, Patrick William "Sam" - Passed away March 22, 2016 in Zimmerman, Minnesota, peacefully and unassisted at home at the age of 88. Sam was the son of brother of Keith McMahon, Peggy (Bud) Rubel, Mike (Pat), Marion (Ken) Chapman and is missed by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Bill (1979) and Sally (2010). Sam grew up and attended school in Fort Erie. He participated on many organized sports teams and was a successful reporter and editor for several newspapers in the United States. As well as his career as a journalist, he loved hiking, photography and music. Private services have taken place. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice in Sam's memory would be appreciated.



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TROMBLEY-RIORDAN, Laurie Anne - It is with great sadness that the family of Laurie Anne announce her passing. She passed away peacefully with her husband and family members at her side at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Saturday, March 26th, 2016 at the age of 57. Beloved wife of Brian for 34 years. Loving daughter of Geraldine and the late Gerald. Cherished sister of Sharon (Mike), Tracy (Greg (Ellen) Ken (Wendy), Jim (Kevin (Monica) and Tim (Ross). Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Many thanks to the exceptional Dr. Scher and the kind and compassionate nurses and staff. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to BENTON FUNERAL SERVICES, 1905 Benner Ave., Fort Erie. The family received friends on Tuesday March 29th, from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Vigil prayers were offered in the funeral home on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 30th at 10 a.m. Interment followed at McFeeley cemetery. The family would appreciate donations towards a memorial bench at Waverly Beach in memory of Laurie.

BEAM, Irvin - Passed away at home on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at the age of 93. Beloved husband of Jean of 59 years. Dear father of Hazel (Karl), Paul (Ruth) and David (Kelly). Cherished grandfather of Dianne, Heather, Judith (Vince), Jonathan, Timothy, Adam, Alexander and Nicole. Predeceased by his son, Lester, Alfred, Vernon and Lewis. Survived by many nieces and nephews. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES** 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday March 31st, 2016 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held on Friday April 1st at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the churchyard. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



COWAN, James Alex - Peacefully on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the ECU Welland in his 87th year. Beloved husband of the late Vivian - 2014. Dear father of Brian Cowan and the late Wendy (late Adrian) Minor. Cherished Grandfather of Flonda (Rob) Eden and Adrian (Jeanne) Minor and Great-Grandfather of Eric, Justin and Jamie-Lynn Eden and Jessica, Hallei and North. Beloved son of John and Jessie Cowan and lived in his early years in Norfolk County and moved to Waverly Beach in his senior years. He later settled in this area and retired from working at Horton C.B.L. in Fort Erie. James had a passion for farming from his early childhood and continued farming most of his life, having a hobby farm on Brookdale Road. He was keeping with John's wishes, cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends at the **ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME AND CHAPEL**, 179 Clarence Street, Port Colborne on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If so desired, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online condolences available at www.armstrongfuneralhome.ca

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DUFFIELD, Kathleen - Kathleen passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Thursday, March 24, 2016. She will be fondly missed by her dear friend Lorraine (late Carroll) Mother of Mehl (Mike) Pinto, Gina (Glen) Beck, Fiona (Glenn) Klassen and Lee (Dawn) Duffield. Also survived by 3 grandchildren, Robin, Dylan and Matthew. She will be fondly remembered by the members of the Carroll family including Larry Jr., John, Mark, Langdon, Roseanne, Tim, Marcela Hennessy, the late Lenora Huser and their families. Predeceased by her grandson Ryan. Kathleen worked alongside Larry and was well known by their many friends and patrons at Carroll's Bowling Lanes in Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. A service to celebrate Kathleen's life took place on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to the Walker Cancer Clinic through the OneFontaine Foundation would be appreciated. The family would like to extend their appreciation to Dr. Che and the staff of the Douglas Memorial Hospital Palliative Care for the dignity and compassion shown during Kathleen's illness.

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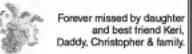


KATHLEEN KONINGS
April 17, 1949 - April 3, 2014

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It has been 2 years
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to see you and you would too.
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more than me.



Bea Bellah

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother,
who passed away April 3, 2013

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from a long battle with cancer.
So He closed her weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine".

Always in our hearts and in our memories
of her love and strength.

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Kathy Konings

In loving memory of a very dear friend Kathy, who passed away April 3, 2014

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